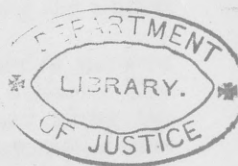


MAJOR JOHN F. HUNTER.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 219.]

March 9, 1860.



Mr. STOKES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John F. Hunter, report:*

That the said John F. Hunter was a major in the 11th infantry during the war with Mexico; that on the night of the 19th of August, 1847, just previous to the battle of Contreras, he, together with the troops belonging to his regiment, was compelled to be out in a storm of rain, the severity of which was unparalleled. On account of such exposure he was seized with rheumatic pains, &c., which continued to such an extent as that the tendons and leaders of his arms and hands became so contracted as that he has been unable to use his hands since for the purpose of earning a living. Mitchell Steever, who was the lieutenant and regimental quartermaster in the 11th infantry, testifies under oath to the statements set forth by the petitioner. He has a distinct knowledge of the exposure to which Major Hunter was subjected, and also to his sufferings on account of them. Colonel John H. Savage, a member of this committee and of the House, remembers very clearly the unprecedented rigors of the storm to which Major Hunter alludes. Stephen F. Weakly and L. J. W. Foulk, who are certified to be credible men, testify, under oath, to the fact that Major Hunter was a sound and healthy man in every respect when he entered the service; that when he returned from Mexico he was afflicted with rheumatism to such an extent as that his fingers were drawn into the palms of his hands, and that they continue so to this time. The Hon. J. F. Dowdell, of this House, states that Major Hunter is now disabled in the manner heretofore set forth. Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that it is a case justifying relief; they therefore report a bill.

MAJOR JOHN T. HUNTER

PROSECUTOR

March 3, 1900

My friends, the Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to

# REPORT

The Committee on Law and Justice, to which was referred the report of

That the said John T. Hunter was a major in the 11th Infantry during the war with Mexico; that on the night of the 13th of August, 1891, just previous to the battle of Chihuahua, he together with the troops belonging to his regiment, was wounded in the arm in a severe manner, the severity of which was apparent. On account of such exposure he was seized with rheumatic pains, which continued to such an extent as that the members and leaders of his army and hands became so contracted as that he had been unable to use his hands since the purpose of securing a living. Mitchell, however, who was the lieutenant and regimental quartermaster in the 11th Infantry, testified under oath in the committee and that he had seen Hunter. He has a direct knowledge of the exposure to which Hunter Hunter was subjected, and also of the suffering on account of them. Colonel John H. Brown, a member of the committee and of the House, remembered very clearly the unassisted efforts of the troops to which Major Hunter belonged. Stephen E. Wesley and J. W. Wright, who are regarded as the most reliable men, testify under oath, to the fact that Major Hunter was a sound and healthy man in every respect when he entered the service; that when he returned from Mexico he was afflicted with rheumatism to such an extent as that his hands were drawn into the palms of his hands, and that they contract so to this time. The Hon. J. E. Dowdell, of the House, states that Major Hunter is now disabled in the manner heretofore reported. Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that it is a justifying relief; they therefore report a bill.